

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-23 without prejudice.

Please insert the following new claims:

24. (New) An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1 or a nucleotide sequence complementary to the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1.

25. (New) An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding a polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2 or a nucleotide sequence complementary to a nucleotide sequence encoding a polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2.

a 26. (New) An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding a fusion polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2 and a heterologous polypeptide.

27. (New) The isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 24, further comprising vector nucleic acid sequences.

28. (New) An isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 25, further comprising vector nucleic acid sequences.

29. (New) The isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 3, further comprising vector nucleic acid sequences.

30. (New) A host cell containing the nucleic acid molecule of claim 24.
31. (New) A host cell containing the nucleic acid molecule of claim 25.
32. (New) A host cell containing the nucleic acid molecule of claim 26.
33. (New) A host cell containing a nucleic acid molecule of claim 27.
34. (New) A host cell containing a nucleic acid molecule of claim 28.
35. (New) A host cell containing a nucleic acid molecule of claim 29.
36. (New) The host cell of claim 30 which is a mammalian cell.
37. (New) The host cell of claim 31 which is a mammalian cell.
38. (New) The host cell of claim 32 which is a mammalian cell.
39. (New) The host cell of claim 33 which is a mammalian cell.
40. (New) The host cell of claim 34 which is a mammalian cell.
41. (New) The host cell of claim 35 which is a mammalian cell.
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